

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

VIVIAN HOLBROOK

COMPLAINANT

v.

ASHLAND EXPLORATION, INC.

DEFENDANT

CASE NO. 94-317

ORDER TO SATISFY OR ANSWER

Ashland Exploration, Inc. ("Ashland Exploration") is hereby notified that it has been named as defendant in a formal complaint filed on September 1, 1994, 1994, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 12, Ashland Exploration is HEREBY ORDERED to satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within 10 days from the date of service of this Order.

Should documents of any kind be filed with the Commission in the course of this proceeding, the documents shall also be served on all parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of September, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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GENERAL COUNSEL

Virian Halbrook Reed
(Your Full Name)

COMPLAINANT

VS.

Ashland Exploration Inc.
(Name of Utility)

DEFENDANT

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C O M P L A I N T

The complaint of Virian Halbrook Reed respectfully shows:
(Your Full Name)

(a) Virian Halbrook Reed
(Your Full Name)

upper Johns CK Kemper Ky 41539
(Your Address)

(b) Ashland Exploration Inc.
(Name of Utility)

(Address of Utility)

(c) That: Ashland Exploration Inc. has Refused
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if

to hook me up on Natural gas even tho thier
necessary, the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts

line Passed across my front Lawn. 103 ft
that are the reason and basis for the complaint.)

from my house. And a bus says they have to hook
you up if you are 15 mile air space from their line
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Formal Complaint

William (Walbrook) Reed vs Ashland Exploration Inc.
(Your Name) (Utility Name)

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I would ~~like~~ like for Ashland Exploration
to obey the law House Bill 677, and
hook up local people who live in
 $\frac{1}{2}$ air mile of a producing gas line

Wherefore, complainant asks Ashland Exploration Inc.
(Specifically state the

to hook me up on natural gas, on .35
(relief desired.)

Rates, same as the other 6 homes on
this tract of land. The contract on
this land has been stayed until Ashland
Exploration Inc. bought it out.

Dated at Lexington, Kentucky, this 29 day
(Your City)

of Aug, 1974
(Month)

(Your signature)

(Name and address of attorney, if any)

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August 29, 1994

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Public Service Commission

Dear Mr. ~~DENNIS~~ + MRS ~~DENNIS~~

Due to my work schedule my mom, Daisy Coleman has called Ashland Exploration Inc. on several occasions about a gas hook up for my home.

My dad has a contract signed by the Gas Company in 1953 allowing him a rate of .35¢ per thousand cubic feet on this tract of land. Since then, there has been six homes built on this property and all are on the 35¢ rate. My home was the last one built and Ashland Exploration Inc. is refusing to hook me up, although their line runs across my front lawn.

Mom called Mr. J. F. ~~Keiver~~^{KILVER}, who works for Ashland Exploration, Inc. on September 24th, 1992, and ask him about a gas hook up for my home. He talked as if they would hook me up and ask mom to measure the distance from my house to their main gas line and send it to him with a copy of my deed. The distance measured was 103 ft. At that time he said something should be done within a month.

Mr. ~~Keiver~~^{KILVER} was called several times after that and always made us think we would soon get the O.K. for our gas hook-up.

On May 17, 1993, ~~Keiver~~^{KILVER} was called again about my hook up and he said they were not going to hook me up and I could not force them to. He said they were only selling to Interstate Commerce only.

Just last year Ashland Exploration gave six hook-ups to neighbors as a favor to them. I feel this is very discriminating to me and other local people who would like to use natural gas in their homes.

House Bill 627 was passed in 1992 and made a law giving land owners the right to hook up on natural gas if the gas line is within 1/2 mile air space of your home and I feel this law should be enforced.

I feel our elected officials should get something done about this. Ashland Exploration, Inc. is using our land to pipe their gas over and we the land owners are getting nothing. We the land owners are paying tax on this land, not Ashland Exploration, Inc.

I think it is time these big companies are stood up to and don't let them control our officials like they try to do the land owners.

Thank you,

Vivian (Holbrook) Reed

Vivian Holbrook Reed

Survey: Gas Hook-ups in Pike County

IMPORTANT: Explain that you are part of a group, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, that is seeking to learn about the problem people being denied hookups to gas service in Pike County. Try to get people's own thoughts out first, before telling them what you think. Ask these questions first, then talk about how they can get involved. We will not use anyone's name, or reveal their address or phone number without their permission.

Name: Verdine Hallbrook
Address: Temper Ky 41539
Phone: (606) 835-4235
KFTC member?: _____

1. In Pike County, large gas companies are refusing to hookup local customers to gas service, even in cases where the well or pipeline lies within 1/2 a mile of the residence. How do you feel about this? Bad

2. Have you or your family ever been denied gas service? Yes No

a. If yes:

What company did you ask for gas service from? Ashland Exploration Inc

When? two years

What was their response? interstate hook up only

Which answer best describes how close your home is to a gas well or pipeline?

100 feet 1/4 mile 1/2 air mile more than 1/2 air mile

3. What kind of fuel(s) to you use in your home today?

Gas Propane Electric Coal Wood Other _____

a. If gas:

When did you get this service?

What is your approximate rate and monthly bill?

b. If a fuel other than gas:

Would you prefer to use gas if it were possible to get hooked up? yes

What is your approximate rate and monthly bill? 175.00

4. Is there any other information you would like to share about yourself or this issue?